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ON SATURDAY NEXT WILL BE ISSUED
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SPORTING AFFAIRS IN AMERICA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

New York, July 28.
The great event of the season has been the aquatic race for the championship of American waters, between Josh Ward and Jimmy Hamill, which took place on the 23rd inst., on the Hudson river, opposite Poughkeepsie, and about ninety miles from this city. From the fact that Hamill had previously beaten Ward in two races, he was the favourite in betting at 2 to 1, but the sequel shows there was no license for such odds, as Ward won comparatively easy. At their previous races Ward was unwell, and so to that was his defeat attributed. The fact that he was anxious to try again showed that he "had it in him," and, as with a pugilist, you never find a man contending against his former victor unless he has the highest confidence of his ability to turn the tables. The day was delightful, and the water like a sea of glass. The men had to row five miles, from the starting point to the stake-boat (one for each man to turn), or 2½ miles each way. At two minutes past three, they went off at the signal of a pistol report. Ward leading for a mile or so, then Hamill catching and passing him, and anon Ward passing Hamill and this time keeping the lead to the end of the race. Ward turned his stake-boat in 16½ min. (2½ miles), to Hamill's 19 min. The entire distance occupied 42 min 25 sec—rather poor time, Hamill having defeated Ward by 500 feet on the 14th of August, 1862, the same distance, in 37 min 58 sec, and Ward beating Andy Fay, Tom Dorr, and John Hanson, on October 11, 1859, for the championship belt (since stolen and "melted down by the lake"), in 34 min 10 sec—seven minutes and nineteen seconds quicker than his last race, which is the swiftest space of time five miles have ever been rowed in America. Josh Ward is 25 years old, stands six feet in his stockings, and weighed 16½ lb. Jimmy Hamill is 24 years old, stands five feet six inches, and weighed 153 lb. Ward of light complexion, and not unlike Tom King (as your readers may have seen by the first-rate engraving that appeared in the *Illustrated Sporting News* of the 19th of last April), while Hamill is rather florid, and very determined-looking. I have met him frequently in Joe Coburn's new saloon, the White House, though never at the same time or together. Ward left for home today, having a porter house at Newburgh, 75 miles from New York, and Hamill will start for Pittsburgh, about 400 miles distant, some time this week. It is doubtful whether there will be another match made yet while, on account of the difficulty in selecting the water so as to prove acceptable to Ward. Had Hamill won, it was his intention to have gone to England, to try his fortune with your aquatic champion, Robert Chambers.

The champion of the P.R. Joe Coburn, has recently opened a splendid saloon, called the White House, at 113, Grand-street, where he is doing a flourishing trade. Your portrait of Mr. Coburn was really a gem, and a better likeness was never published in a newspaper. His house is patronised by all the English capitalists and mates of vessels plying to and fro between America and England.

Among those who talk of going to see the great fight between King and Heenan are Joe Coburn, the champion; Con O'Neil, of Colorado territory; Jimmy Elliott, the young giant; Johnny Mackey, acknowledged as unequalled for science; Charley Lynch, Young Barney Aaron, and nearly all the pages of note.

The *New York Sportsman*, after issuing twelve numbers, has for the present suspended, owing to the over-flood of sporting it was a reckless undertaking, but the proprietors showed considerable energy while it lasted. Nick James, late editor of the *Sportsman*, is now engaged on the *New York Clipper* again. The engravings of Mr. James and Mr. Frank Queen, editor of the *Clipper*, published in the *Illustrated Sporting News* of July 11, are very good

indeed, and no foreign paper has ever been so popular with Americans as your spruce-looking and valuable journal.

Jenny Moe's offer to walk Smith, of Canada, I don't think will be accepted. Pedestrianism in America is at a standstill, notwithstanding the presence among us of the veritable Deerfoot, who, if he wishes it, can be accommodated at any time and for any amount with a ten mile race by Jimmy Griffin, of Boston, providing Deerfoot will give him half a mile start.

Jenny Mansey is keeping a saloon in Hamilton, Canada West, and doing tolerably well. Only for his excitable temperament he might have made a fortune here in a very few years, but Jenny is of that kind who cannot stand prosperity. Charley Lynch and Billy Donnelly (who at one time was prepared to fight any 12½ lb man in the world, take or give expenses) talk about going out to see him. Alf Walker, brother to Johnny, is keeping a restaurant in Philadelphia, having returned from the war, and is very popular there. Tom Davis got himself in trouble some time ago, and run away from his bondsman to Canada, where he is likely to stay some time. Billy Clarke, alias "Nobby," is was bit of a moon, who recently challenged Charley Lynch, has got himself six months in the lock up, on bread and water, for taking improper liberties with a lady's wallet in Boston. Ed. Wilson (one of Harry Gribbins' old opponents) and Con Fitzgerald are matched for 500 dollars a side, to fight October 27.

They are both big men, and the mill will create an excitement almost equal to that of Joe Coburn and Mike McCoole. Whatever transpires of interest in the sporting world herewith will always be forthcoming.

RABBIT COURSE.

NIMBLE AND FLY.—On Saturday last there was a good attendance at Knutsford Jacea Course, to witness a match between Joseph Down's Fly, of Longton, and Wm. Mellor's Nimble, of Shrewsbury, to run the best of 21 courses, for £10 a side. Mr. Martin Collins, of Gorton, was referee. Nimble caught the 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, and 19th—total, 11; whilst Fly secured the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 11th, 16th, and 18th—total, 8.

SHARP FAN RABBIT COURSE.—SATURDAY NEXT.—Mr. Waddacott will give £4 10s. (being the gate money kept from last Saturday's race) to be run for in a rabbit course (except for all night) entrance free—at the City Grounds, Manchester, on Saturday next, August 16th. All dogs to enter by three o'clock in the afternoon, at the grounds.

LUCY AND FAVOUR.—Mr. Holden has 25 a side for the match between Samuel Butler's Famous, of Tunstall, and John Cross's Lucy, of Ashton, to run the best of 21 courses, for £10 a side, at the Bull's Head, Gorton, on Monday August 31st, neither dog to exceed 13½ weight. Mr. Holden is also to appoint the referee.

MISCHIEF AND LILL.—Mr. Holden now has a 1 a side for a match between W. Sam's Mischievous, and Samuel Swift's Lill (both of Longton), to run the best of 21 courses, for £10 a side, on September 7th, at Mear, near Longton, neither dog to exceed 21½ weight. Another deposit of £1 10s. a side is due on the 18th instant. Mr. Holden is also empowered to name the referee.

SWIMMING.

NEXT Monday another great race for the Champion Challenge Cup and the proud title of Champion Swimmer of England, £250 a side, according to rules, and a bet of £50 a side, making the sum of £300, will take place between R. E. Mather, of Manchester (the present champion), and F. E. Beckwith, of London, who claims the honour of having held that title against all comers for ten years. Great praise is due to the London Swimming Club for introducing this cup for competition in order to prove who is the most deserving of it. The first match took place last August, when several came from Manchester, and a great many in London entered their names, but did not start, among them being Beckwith, the present challenger; but we suppose, it being an open competition, and a stake attached to it, Beckwith would not enter, and the race was decided by Mather going in an easy winner, and proving to the Londoners that they had got no easy opponent to deal with. In the spring of this year Mather received a challenge from H. Gardner (we believe a pupil of Beckwith), and the match took place on the 15th of June, when, after an exciting contest, Manchester again proved victorious. But although Mather beat Gardner for the London cup, the latter beat him for the Manchester cup, and is still the holder of it. The next challenge came from Beckwith, and has to be decided next Monday. This, probably, will cause more excitement than any race that has hitherto taken place, for, although Beckwith has not swum a match for four years, his friends are anxious that he should have another trial, believing we never contest with him will have a tough customer to deal with; for although there may be youth and strength on the part of Mather, there is science and years of experience on the part of Beckwith. In order to carry out this aquatic contest in a satisfactory manner, the competitors have agreed to place the management in the hands of the committee of the London Swimming Club, who have engaged the steamer Victoria and The River Queen. Both boats will leave London Bridge at 4.15, calling at the following piers, viz.:—Temple, Hungerford, Westminster (both sides), Lambeth, and Chelsea. The competitors will start from each steamer by report of pistol, and the men will swim between them. By this means, and by the assistance of the police, it is to be hoped the small boats will be kept from fouling the men, as we are sorry to say, they did last year. The men are to start from opposite the Doves, at Finsbury-bridge, to Finsbury Aqueduct, a distance of two miles. Tickets, 2s. each.

As Daisy's backers appear anxious for a fresh match with Futatoe Bob, a number of sporting gentlemen, to whom Mr. Read has entrusted Bob (not wishing to be again subject to the brow-beating he received on the occasion of the late match) are prepared to match him to trot Daisy twenty miles, for £250 a side and an even bet of £100 at each of the three distances—ten, fifteen, and twenty miles; and are agreed, should any respectable, honourable man as referee, that will not be intimidated into retracting a decision once given. Money ready at the Woodman Inn, Balsall-street, Birmingham.



WILLIAM NICHOLLS, CHAMPION PEDESTRIAN OF AUSTRALIA.

(From a Photograph.)

PEDESTRIANISM

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WEST LONDON CRICKET GROUND, OLD BROMPTON.

FOUR-MILE RACE BETWEEN SICK BARKER AND THE TON-MILE CHAMPION.—The match was a very notable one on Monday, more especially as it was between two of the best horses in the country. Barker (with Barker) and Brompton (with Jones) were pitted against each other. The men are old sportsmen, and both are well known to the public. The distance was thought to be a very good one for the horses. The horses were both in excellent condition, and the race was a very close one. Barker was the favorite, and he was not disappointed. He won the race by a large margin, and he was very much pleased with his performance. The crowd was very large, and the race was a very successful one. The horses were both in excellent condition, and the race was a very close one. Barker was the favorite, and he was not disappointed. He won the race by a large margin, and he was very much pleased with his performance. The crowd was very large, and the race was a very successful one.

PRINCE OF WALES GROUNDS, BOW.
 These are grounds under the management of the once famous...

James Pudney, are always well patronised by those who have the benefit of the

rule, the following being the principal events decided on that day:—

The stake was \$20. Phillips being allowed a start of three yards; a vote was taken on the competitors appearing on the course, the latter was placed a strong odds-on favorite. The crowd was large, and the betting as usual very brisk. The articles stipulated that the men were to bound away as fast as they could, and that a quarter of an hour was not wasted, as was usually the case, for at the third attempt they got away. Phillips, however, gave a mad dash, and, getting another yard, he was enabled to gain the lead. He gradually approached his man, and, within a few yards of the goal, was increased to his opponent's shoulder, and both shops for both urged on by the spectators. Phillips, however, was not to be outdone, and, despite strenuous exertions of his opponent, made one of the fastest dead-heat he has ever witnessed for some time; the parhams of both men, on the ground, usually being the same. Phillips, however, was the latter order, and he was to run their race over again, to commence on Saturday next at the same grounds.

RADLEY AND PINK. This was a race of one mile, for a "tanner," the man being brought to be evenly matched at that distance, and so it proved up to the third part of the distance had been covered, when they were overtaken by a third man, who was a very strong competitor, and he, along right merrily side by side, and slipping and sliding, as he was, he was not to be outdone. Phillips, however, was not to be outdone, and, despite strenuous exertions of his opponent, made one of the fastest dead-heat he has ever witnessed for some time; the parhams of both men, on the ground, usually being the same. Phillips, however, was the latter order, and he was to run their race over again, to commence on Saturday next at the same grounds.

plely used up by day from home, assigned the contest to the 200 yds. race. As appeared to boys had had quite enough of the 100 yds. race. The 200 yds. race, a side, and it was thought to be a very good and easy thing for Bunn, see that he was allowed a start of 10 yds.; the issue, however, from the first scarcely in doubt, and at 100 yds the race may be said to have been over. From the very first O'Malley gained rapidly upon his man, soon overtaken him and ran in one of the fastest of the season.

THE 100 YDS. RACE.—This was a very exciting affair, brought their various marks no less than a "baker's dozen," and proved

interesting sight as they bounded away. This match was most spiritedly contested, and the contest was not decided until the 10th round, when the champion, 161 lbs., eventually came in third; Parker, 140, second; and Euler, although he was the favorite, was only fourth. The only other person who was any where late, with a start of 210 yds, finishing a most excellent race, was the champion, 161 lbs., who was only fourth. The only other person who was any where late, with a start of 210 yds, finishing a most excellent race, was the champion, 161 lbs., who was only fourth.

any account—Jem Pudney, as is his 'wont, bringing everything off with authority.

BIRMINGHAM.

SEVERAL OF WALKER BURNING GROUNDS, HOLLOWAY HEAD.—Saturday's programme attracted a goodly number of pedestrian devotees to these grounds, the bill of fare being a 100 yds. race, for which the following were the contestants: First heat, T. Peters, 19 yds; L. H. Paget, 20 yds; J. H. Paget, 21 yds; J. H. Paget, 22 yds; J. H. Paget, 23 yds; J. H. Paget, 24 yds; J. H. Paget, 25 yds; J. H. Paget, 26 yds; J. H. Paget, 27 yds; J. H. Paget, 28 yds; J. H. Paget, 29 yds; J. H. Paget, 30 yds; J. H. Paget, 31 yds; J. H. Paget, 32 yds; J. H. Paget, 33 yds; J. H. Paget, 34 yds; J. H. Paget, 35 yds; J. H. Paget, 36 yds; J. H. Paget, 37 yds; J. H. Paget, 38 yds; J. H. Paget, 39 yds; J. H. Paget, 40 yds; J. H. Paget, 41 yds; J. H. Paget, 42 yds; J. H. Paget, 43 yds; J. H. Paget, 44 yds; J. H. Paget, 45 yds; J. H. Paget, 46 yds; J. H. Paget, 47 yds; J. H. Paget, 48 yds; J. H. Paget, 49 yds; J. H. Paget, 50 yds; J. H. Paget, 51 yds; J. H. Paget, 52 yds; J. H. Paget, 53 yds; J. H. Paget, 54 yds; J. H. Paget, 55 yds; J. H. Paget, 56 yds; J. H. Paget, 57 yds; J. H. Paget, 58 yds; J. H. Paget, 59 yds; J. H. Paget, 60 yds; J. H. Paget, 61 yds; J. H. Paget, 62 yds; J. H. Paget, 63 yds; J. H. Paget, 64 yds; J. H. Paget, 65 yds; J. H. Paget, 66 yds; J. H. Paget, 67 yds; J. H. Paget, 68 yds; J. H. Paget, 69 yds; J. H. Paget, 70 yds; J. H. Paget, 71 yds; J. H. Paget, 72 yds; J. H. Paget, 73 yds; J. H. Paget, 74 yds; J. H. Paget, 75 yds; J. H. Paget, 76 yds; J. H. Paget, 77 yds; J. H. Paget, 78 yds; J. H. Paget, 79 yds; J. H. Paget, 80 yds; J. H. Paget, 81 yds; J. H. Paget, 82 yds; J. H. Paget, 83 yds; J. H. Paget, 84 yds; J. H. Paget, 85 yds; J. H. Paget, 86 yds; J. H. Paget, 87 yds; J. H. Paget, 88 yds; J. H. Paget, 89 yds; J. H. Paget, 90 yds; J. H. Paget, 91 yds; J. H. Paget, 92 yds; J. H. Paget, 93 yds; J. H. Paget, 94 yds; J. H. Paget, 95 yds; J. H. Paget, 96 yds; J. H. Paget, 97 yds; J. H. Paget, 98 yds; J. H. Paget, 99 yds; J. H. Paget, 100 yds.

Sixth heat: J. Payin, 15 1; H. Griffing, 23; E. Cooper, 17, absent.

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with the best of the start, which he improved upon, and won by two lengths. Mr. Little, proprietor of the grounds, refereed.

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ton, or will run him half a mile level, or he will take 8 yds start in the Grass of Birmingham. Either match, for £10 a side, can be on at Moor

QUEEN'S ARCADE SIGN-POST.

SMALLEY AND JARRE'S FARM, OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 100 miles match between these men is on, LATO'S backers backing out of the locality named.

MACCLESFIELD.

BOWLING GREEN ISM GROUNDS.—The concluding heats in Mr. Geo. Oldham's mile handicap were run off at these grounds on Saturday last, August 11th, and were of a most interesting nature. The heats were well attended, when upwards of 400 persons paid for admission. The heats were well tested, and the handicaps gave every satisfaction. The first heat, which placed a few miles in front of the four others, was won by G. Dean, 90 yds. and G. Hume, 85, the latter man giving up when three-fourths of the distance had been covered. The second heat was won by G. Dean, 90 yds. and G. Hume, 85, the latter man giving up when three-fourths of the distance had been covered. The third heat was won by G. Dean, 90 yds. and G. Hume, 85, the latter man giving up when three-fourths of the distance had been covered. The fourth heat was won by G. Dean, 90 yds. and G. Hume, 85, the latter man giving up when three-fourths of the distance had been covered.

heat: J. Pownall, 160, first; G. Pickford, 15, second. Won, after a
heat 20 mile W. Halland 95 not putting in an appearance. Third heat: J. P.

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